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Nursing Home Trends

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Individual reports are completed each year by the licensed nursing homes in Tennessee and returned to the Division of Health Statistics for compilation and review. While the compiled information of all licensed nursing homes is quite detailed, data summarized for this report focuses on trends and changes in Tennessee nursing homes for the period 1992-2001.

As Tennessee's older adult population increases, the additional need for nursing home and convalescent care has become an important issue. In 1980, 11.3 percent of Tennessee's population was 65 years and older compared to 12.4 percent in 2001. By 2001, Tennessee's estimated population 65 and older was 710,181, an increase of 10.8 percent over the 1992 population of 640,943.

Submitted reports indicate that the total number of Tennessee nursing homes steadily increased from 1992 to 1998, but decreased from 1999 through

2001. The total number declined 6.6 percent from 362 in 1998 to 338 in 2001. The number of non-profit nursing homes decreased to 61 in 2001 from 86 in 1998. Government nursing homes remained fairly constant over the period 1992 - 2001, while the number of for-profit nursing homes increased over the ten-year period. In 2001, the categories of limited partnership, limited liability partnership, and limited liability corporation were added to the reporting of for-profit nursing homes.

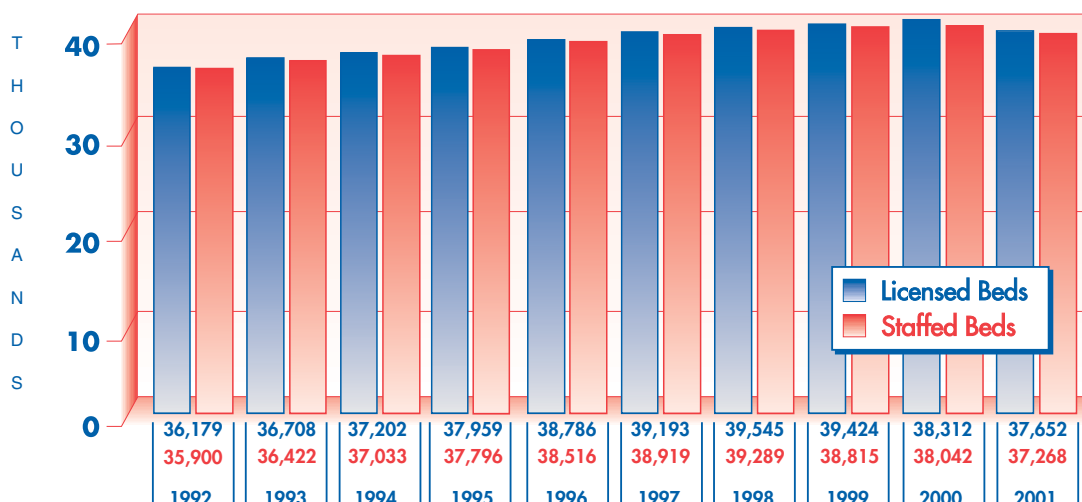
NUMBER OF NURSING HOMES BY TYPE OF OWNERSHIP Tennessee, 1992-2001

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
TOTAL	313	319	327*	336	347	356*	362	357	349*	338*
Non-profit	61	62	69	76	82	81	86	82	80	61
Church related	15	13	11	10	14	10	12	11	11	17
Corporation/Association	46	48	58	66	68	71	71	68	66	44
Other Non-profit	-	1	-	-	-	-	3	3	3	-
For-Profit	222	227	229	230	234	240	239	239	232	245
Individual	4	5	4	2	2	3	1	1	1	-
Partnership	66	64	59	49	47	48	38	37	37	7
Corporation/Association	152	158	166	179	185	189	200	201	194	156
Limited Partnership	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	29
Limited Liability	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Partnership	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Limited Liability	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	49
Corporation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Government	30	30	27	30	31	34	37	36	36	32
State	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2
County	24	24	22	24	25	28	29	32	33	26
City	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	-
City-County	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	-
Hospital District	1	1	1	-	-	1	1	1	1	-
Veterans Administration	1	1	-	-	1	1	3	1	-	-
Other Government Agency	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4

*Total includes nursing homes with type of ownership not reported.

Number of Licensed and Staffed Beds

Tennessee Nursing Homes, 1992-2001



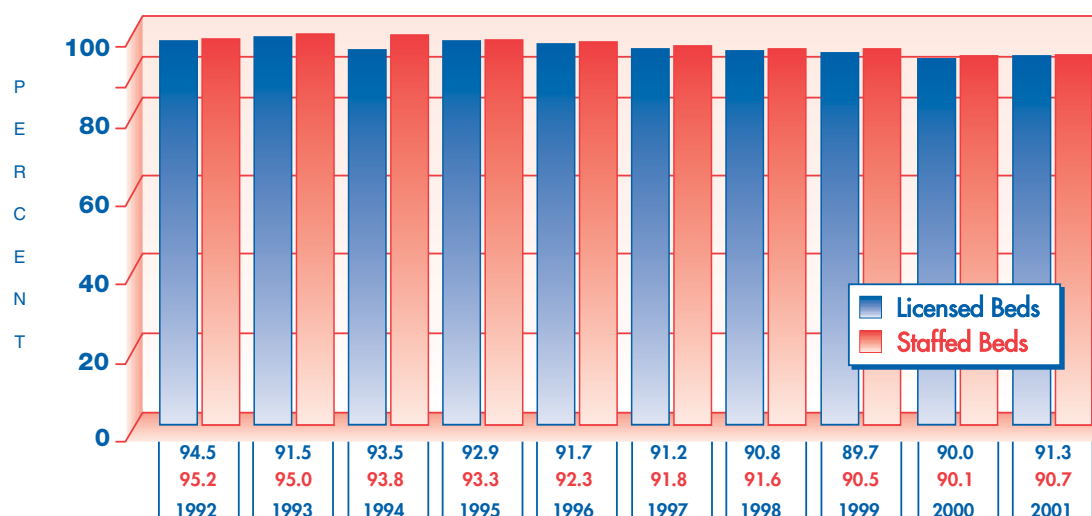
Licensed beds - The maximum number of beds authorized by the state licensing agency or regulated by a federal agency.

Staffed beds - The total number of beds set up, staffed, and in use at the end of the reporting period. This number should be less than or equal to the number of licensed beds.

The reported number of both licensed and staffed beds for Tennessee nursing homes increased over the period from 1992 to 1998. For 1999 through 2001, both the number of licensed and staffed beds decreased from the previous year. In 2001, licensed beds decreased 1.7 percent, while staffed beds decreased 2.0 percent from 2000.

Percent Occupancy For Licensed and Staffed Beds

Tennessee Nursing Homes, 1992-2001



Percent occupancy is computed as the number of patient days of care divided by the number of bed days open for licensed or staffed beds, multiplied by 100. For the period 1992 through 1995, the percent occupancy for licensed and staffed beds fluctuated and then decreased for both from 1995 through 1999. In 2001, the percent occupancy for Tennessee nursing homes based on licensed beds increased 1.4 percent, while staffed bed occupancy increased 0.7 percent over 2000.

Admissions are the number of patients admitted to a facility during the reporting period, and discharges are the number of patients discharged plus all deaths. From 1992 to 1998, nursing home admissions increased 95.7 percent and discharges increased 103.2 percent. Nursing home admissions increased from 58,655 in 2000 to 59,730 in 2001, while the reported number of discharges increased from 59,924 to 61,099 over the same period. Discharge patient days are the total

NURSING HOME ADMISSIONS, DISCHARGES AND DISCHARGE PATIENT DAYS

Tennessee, 1992-2001

Year	Admissions	Discharges Including Deaths	Discharge Patient Days
2001	59,730	61,099	10,530,988
2000	58,655	59,924	11,232,783
1999	58,836	59,181	11,699,782
1998	60,158	60,330	11,544,940
1997	58,380	58,386	12,091,990
1996	51,109	50,554	11,989,394
1995	45,464	45,073	12,024,654
1994	39,173	38,530	11,258,115
1993	33,830	33,273	11,450,663
1992	30,742	29,687	10,369,705

AVERAGE DAILY CENSUS, AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY RATE OF PATIENT TURNOVER

Tennessee Nursing Homes, 1992-2001

Year	Average Daily Census	Average Length of Stay	Rate of Patient Turnover
2001	33,386	182	1.61
2000	33,853	194	1.55
1999	35,162	204	1.53
1998	35,593	195	1.54
1997	35,199	211	1.50
1996	34,809	245	1.33
1995	34,595	277	1.20
1994	34,254	296	1.06
1993	34,075	346	0.93
1992	33,507	351	0.86

number of days of care rendered to patients discharged during the reporting period (including days of care rendered prior to the beginning of the reporting period). The reported number of discharge patient days decreased 6.2 percent from 2000 to 2001.

The average daily census and the average length of stay decreased from 2000 to 2001, while the rate of patient turnover increased. The average daily census is calculated as

the number of patient days of care divided by the number of days in the calendar year. The average length of stay is calculated as the number of discharge patient days divided by the number of discharges. The rate of patient turnover is the number of admissions divided by the number of staffed beds.

Patient census data is reported for December 31 of each indicated year. The number of nursing home patients is given by five-year age group, as well as by gender.

NUMBER OF NURSING HOME PATIENTS BY GENDER AND AGE

Tennessee, 1992-2001

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Total	34,809	34,905	34,879	34,632	35,532	35,736	36,012	35,571	33,806	33,698
Male	9,334	9,127	8,935	8,849	9,137	9,395	9,597	9,383	8,950	9,053
Female	25,475	25,778	25,944	25,783	26,395	26,341	26,415	26,188	24,856	24,645
Age Group										
Under 60	1,606	1,608	1,610	1,673	1,862	1,995	2,105	2,173	2,271	2,309
60-64	956	995	1,026	995	1,092	1,064	1,100	1,202	1,130	1,221
65-69	1,822	1,774	1,677	1,744	1,767	1,767	1,854	1,813	1,792	1,910
70-74	3,255	3,382	3,299	3,273	3,170	3,162	3,252	3,046	2,913	3,077
75-79	5,164	4,989	5,076	5,104	5,246	5,334	5,297	5,140	5,073	4,909
80-84	7,600	7,428	7,310	7,307	7,469	7,071	6,964	6,840	6,637	6,757
85-89	7,596	7,495	7,618	7,641	7,807	8,162	8,098	7,512	7,057	6,823
90-94	4,505	4,788	4,815	4,812	4,942	4,846	5,174	5,195	4,859	4,719
95-99	1,498	1,614	1,634	1,746	1,763	1,747	1,845	1,848	1,756	1,732
100+	320	321	328	337	335	354	323	351	354	313

Totals may include patients with age unknown.

The number of admissions to Tennessee nursing homes increased 94.3 percent while the number of discharges increased 105.8 percent during the time period of 1992-2001. This is much greater than what any increase in elderly population would indicate. At the same time, average length of stay has dropped by 48.1 percent and rate of patient turnover has increased by 87.2 percent, while average daily census decreased by 0.4 percent. This indicates that nursing home services in Tennessee are now being used by more persons for shorter episodes of care.

Many persons are now entering nursing homes for convalescence, then are leaving for home or other settings. This

can be attributed to the fact that more hospitals are discharging patients, especially the elderly patients, to the less medically intense nursing home setting for a longer recuperation period after initial acute care treatment. In fact, many hospitals have converted excess bed capacity into skilled nursing unit beds licensed as nursing home beds. The situation is further reflected in hospital statistics which have shown a decrease in utilization over this same time frame.

Percent occupancy for Tennessee nursing homes remained high over the 1992-2001 time period, fluctuating between 89 to 95 percent. High occupancy is typical for the nursing home industry

and appears to be invariant even with other changes occurring with growth. The demand for nursing home services has kept pace with increased resources provided.

The Department of Health will continue to collect nursing home data through its Joint Annual Report of Nursing Homes annual report. This data and those from other reports will be monitored as changes in the delivery of health care in Tennessee evolve. More detailed utilization statistics and data on individual nursing homes are publicly available through the office of Health Statistics or visit our website at the address indicated below.

POPULATION AGED 65 AND OLDER

1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
640,943	652,546	664,730	676,640	687,895	696,511	706,669	715,656	703,311	710,181

NOTE: The population estimates for Tennessee used to calculate the rates in this report were based on figures prepared from the 2000 census in August 2003 by Health Statistics. These revised population figures may result in rates that differ from those previously published.

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